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- At the end of August 1948 the import-export plan for 1949 was drawn up. It provided for 410 million marks' worth of exports and 410 million marks' worth of imports. In December 1948 the plan was altered to provide for 400 million marks of exports and 530 million marks of imports. The plan was altered again, and on 1 February 1949 the final draft of the plan provided for 380 million marks' worth of exports and 430 million marks' worth of imports.
- Among the chemical items to be exported to Russia during 1949 are the following:
 - 30,200 tons sodium sulphate
 - 4,000 tons Buna
 - 5,000 tons synthetic benzene
 - 50,000 tons diesel oil
 - 1,950 tons lignite wax
 - 2,000 tons potash
 - 1,000 tons caustic potash
 - 2,000 tons nitro varnishes and solvents
 - 500 tons acetic acid
- Negotiations were being conducted between the Russian Zone and France during January for a trade agreement which would provide for the importation of 200,000 to 300,000 dollars' worth of crude phosphate against the exportation of chemicals, machinery, and optical supplies.
- During January, negotiations broke down between the Polish and German Economic Commission delegates on the planning of the 1949 trade agreement.

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agreed to export sulphuric acid to the Russian Zone of Germany, for hard currency (\$96.25 per metric ton, c.i.f. Rostock, inclusive of the iron barrel containers).

6. Col. V.K. Mikhin, the head of the Administration for Foreign Trade of the SMA for Germany, left his position on 25 January 1949 and returned to Russia. His successor Vassiliev, previously unknown at the Administration for Foreign Trade, arrived from Russia, and was in office by 4 February 1949.

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